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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Greenberg, et al.
Appln. No.: 10/814,989
Filed: March 31, 2004
For: MEDICAL GRASPING DEVICE
Attorney Docket No: 8627-372

Examiner:
Art Unit: 3732

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; 6 Pages of Form PTO-1449 and 12 cited references
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above-identified fee(s) is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

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A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

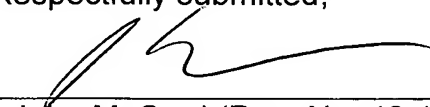
By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this

Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (six sheets)
Copies of listed references



FORM PTO-1449	APPLICATION NO. 10/814,989	CASE NO. 8627-372
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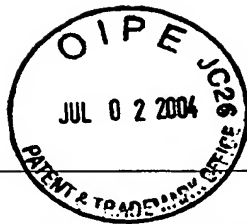
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